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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

MARCO ANTONIO URIBE,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

Nos. 03-72527, 04-71819

Agency No. A92-220-166

M E M O R A N D U M *

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted August 4, 2005**
Pasadena, California

BEFORE: CANBY, KOZINSKI, and RAWLINSON, Circuit Judges

Marco Antonio Uribe petitions for review of two orders of the Board of Immigration Appeals denying his motions to reopen and to reconsider in order for Uribe to apply for adjustment of status. We deny his petitions.

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**The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument pursuant to FED. R. APP. P. 34(a)(2).

Despite the government's contention and Uribe's concession that we lack jurisdiction, the intervening REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109–13, § 106(a)(1)(A)(iii), 119 Stat. 231, 310–311, restores our jurisdiction. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1252(a)(2)(D); *Fernandez-Ruiz v. Gonzales*, 410 F.3d 585, 587 (9th Cir. 2005). We therefore address the merits of the Board's orders and hold that the Board did not act contrary to law. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1252(a)(2)(D).

Contrary to Uribe's argument, the Board did not fail to give him the benefit of our decision in *Ordonez v. INS*, 345 F.3d 777 (9th Cir. 2003). In its order denying reconsideration, the Board acknowledged that, under *Ordonez*, Uribe was not statutorily barred from moving to reopen to seek an adjustment of status. The Board held, however, that as part of its exercise of discretion in considering the motion to reopen, it could take into account the fact that Uribe had not voluntarily departed within the prescribed period, which had expired before Uribe moved to reopen. This discretionary action by the Board did not violate *Ordonez*, which was based on a statute that created a specific bar to eligibility for relief and then provided that the bar did not apply to an alien who was not forewarned of that particular consequence of failing to depart voluntarily. *See id.* at 783; 8 U.S.C. § 1252b(e) (repealed). The statute did not limit the Board's exercise of discretion. Moreover, *Ordonez* noted that part of the reasoning behind the statute was that an

alien who had not been properly forewarned might “incorrectly assume that while appeals are pending, the alien will not be required to depart.” *Id.* at 784. Here, however, no appeals remained pending when Uribe permitted the time for voluntary departure to expire without his leaving. The Board accordingly did not act arbitrarily, irrationally, or contrary to law in weighing as one factor against Uribe his failure voluntarily to depart.

Uribe also does not qualify for tolling of his voluntary departure period under the rule of *Azarte v. Ashcroft*, 394 F.3d 1278 (9th Cir. 2005), because he did not move to reopen or request a stay until after his period of voluntary departure had expired. *See id.* at 1288 n.20, 1289.

PETITIONS FOR REVIEW DENIED.